

Perry Parish Council - Grant Application Form

Name of Group / Organisation: St Neots Museum

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Are you a newly formed group? (less than 1 year). / No *delete as applicable How long has your group been operating? 31 years

Do you have a voluntary management committee / steering group? Yes –

Board of Trustees

Are you a registered charity? Yes

If yes, please include your Charity Number: 800074

Does your group have a formal constitution? Yes

Does your group have an annual record of accounts? Yes

(If yes, please attach a copy of your most recent accounts or latest bank statement and balance sheet to your application)

Have you applied for a grant from Perry Parish Council before? Yes

If yes, please give the year, amount and purpose of the grant(s)

We received £165 in 2025.

Perry Parish Council's donation of £165 last year provided vital funding to ensure St Neots Museum was able to protect and maintain the correct environmental conditions (both temperature and humidity) for our collection during 2025. We were also able to invest in our displays, including interactive features for the first time and improve access to all parts of the museum.

Please describe your group's main activities:

*please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

The overall aim of the charity is to advance the education of the public in conservation and the history of St Neots, Cambridgeshire, and its immediate vicinity by the provision and maintenance of a museum housing local artefacts.

We believe that museums are good for us in ways that go beyond education; they are also spaces for curiosity and connection. We also organise a variety of specialist and family events from walks, talks, one-day festivals and temporary and touring exhibitions.

How much are you applying for? £200

*for the total available funds, please refer to Perry Parish Council's published budget, or ask the parish clerk

What is the grant for?

For 2026/2027, we have plans to develop our Early History Gallery. This will include an introductory area for local history of 11 key historical eras; there will be seating to encourage sustained engagement and a contemporary design to align with the A428 development.

Develop and extend the range of activities, workshops and exhibitions that the museum is able to provide, that would interest everyone in our community. Collect and suitably store images, items and information from your parish and present these artefacts to both local and general visitors to the area.

The purpose of the donation is for the parish to continue to support the museum to:

i) collect and suitably store images, items and information from the parish and present these artifacts to both local and general visitors to the area.

In 2024 we spent £1,442 on maintaining our collections/exhibitions/displays and additionally the museum spent £1,794 on a new environmental monitoring system to better protect our collections.

How will Perry benefit from it?

We offer FREE entry to all Perry residents.

We will work in partnership with the parish council and local heritage groups to provide support to maintain the cultural heritage of the parish for the benefit of current and future generations.

Access to a community cabinet, a new initiative in 2025, located in the museum for local clubs and societies to display objects and promote the heritage of their organisation/area with help provided by our museum team with curation and display.

Our ambition is to better represent our rural communities. We are dedicated to preserving and celebrating the cultural heritage of our area. Our purpose is to provide visitors of all ages with the opportunity to explore and appreciate the diverse history and personal stories that have shaped St Neots and its surrounding parishes.

Do you have any other sources of funding? Yes

If yes please provide details:

St Neots Town Council provides a substantial contribution towards the Museum's running costs.

Without the ongoing support of the Town Council, the Museum would have great difficulty in providing the services to meet its obligations.

The museum is financed also by donations from local Parish Councils, from the Friends of the Museum, from local people and by other fundraising initiatives.

We also rely on entrance fees, shop sales and income from talks and workshops.

Please provide a full breakdown of the project costs and how they will be funded:

Your funding will help the museum to manage its collection and conservation and focuses on preservation, restoration, and artifact storage.

- £120 provides storage albums for 100 photos
- £560 provides storage boxes for 1000 documents
- £750 restores a large-scale local painting for public display.

If successful, your grant will be paid by BACS payment, please provide the sort code and account number for the bank account you would like payment transferred to:

Account Name: St Neots Museum

Sort Code: 60 18 23

Account Number: 18764452

Please read the following important terms and conditions carefully. By signing this form, you are confirming that:

- You are an official representative of your group and are authorised to apply for funding on their behalf.
- Your details can be held by Perry Parish Council in accordance with the General Data Protection Rules and associated legislation to administer the grants process.
- You have read and understood the council's Grant Policy,
- The information provided in this application is a fair and accurate description of your group and the project for which you are seeking funding. Misleading or inaccurate information may result in your application being rejected. Failure to complete any section of the application form may result in your application being delayed or rejected.

Signed on behalf of applicant: Michael Fletcher

Date: 22/06/2026

Please send the completed form and any accompanying documents to the parish clerk, via clerk@perryparishcouncil.gov.uk, or by post to Perry Parish Council, 2 The Drive, Perry, Huntingdon, CAMBS. PE28 0SX.